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Manhattan Community Board 1

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Chairperson's Report for December 2013 Catherine McVay Hughes

It has been another extremely busy month for Community Board 1. Together we continue to make our neighborhood better and stronger than ever. I would like to report on the important issues and milestones that we have worked through with fellow board members, the CB1 staff, elected officials and government agencies.

Milestones

- Concerned Citizens and Business Owners of the Financial District have engaged legal counsel to file a petition under Article 78 of the Civil Practice Law and Rules to request an injunction against the move of the Department of Probation from 346 Broadway to 66 John Street (12/2013)
- NYC Parks Department Renamed Edgar Plaza in Honor of Late Downtown Alliance President Liz Berger with installation of plaque – with Council Member Margaret Chin, Deputy Mayor Patti Harris, Manhattan Parks Commissioner William Castro, Downtown Alliance Chairman Robert Douglass, Downtown Alliance Acting President William Bernstein, and others; NYC Parks will allocate \$2 million to redesign plaza with park to begin construction in 2014 and tentative completion date in 2015 (12/16/2013)
- Summons Court not moving to 71 Thomas Street (12/11/2013)
- The Flea Theater Groundbreaking at 20 Thomas Street - \$18.5 million theater complex to include three theaters, offices, costume and scene shops (12/05/2013)
- 30 Park Place Groundbreaking Ceremony for Four Seasons Hotel and Residences – with Larry Silverstein, architect Robert A.M. Stern and others; it had been stalled in 2008; will have public plaza between Barclay Street and Park Place (12/03/2013)
- City provided funding to complete the second phase of the construction of the Hills on Governors Island (11/26/2013)
- Chase Plaza Opened to public (November 2013)
- Hunter College of the City University of New York, MFA & BFA Studios Opening at 205 Hudson Street – attended with Michael Levine (11/25/2013)

Testimony

- New York City Council Committees on Lower Manhattan Redevelopment and Transportation Oversight Hearing: Update on the Status of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority Fulton Center – testified and spoke with Michael Horodniceanu, President, MTA Capital Construction (12/11/2013)

Meetings

- NY Rising Planning Meeting – Co-chaired (12/12/2013)
- World Trade Center Health Registry – attended with Mariama James and Bob Schneck, preliminary planning for Wave 4 Survey (12/11/2013)
- World Trade Center Survivors Meeting (12/03/2013)
- NY Rising Public Meeting #2: Lower Manhattan Envisions a Resilient Future; the NY Rising Community Reconstruction program is established by the Governor's Office of Storm Recovery and is a community-driven process to realize a vision of a more sustainable future (12/02/2013)
- Speaker Silver School Overcrowding Task Force (12/03/2013)

Forum

- NYC Transportation of Tomorrow Forum – sponsored by Rockefeller Foundation and City & State to bring together leaders in government and public policy for a forum to examine needs and solutions for transportation equity in NYC (12/17/2013)

Events

- Common Core Community Forum (Spruce Street School, 12/11/2013)
- South Street Seaport Rink Opening and Tree Lighting (11/29/2013)
- NY Rescue Mission – served at Crystal Annual Thanksgiving Banquet with Senator Squadron, NYPD Commissioner Kelly, FDNY Commissioner Cassano, Chinatown Partnership Executive Director Chen and others (11/25/2013)

Announcements

- Borough President-elect Gale Brewer will be attending January Executive Committee meeting on January 22, 2014
- Community Board 1 Town Hall meeting on the Howard Hughes Corporation's proposed development plans for the South Street Seaport including the Tin Building, New Market Building and surrounding area – all are invited to speak; Pace University, 1 Pace Plaza, B-level, Student Union; Monday January 13, 2014 6-8:00pm.
- Community Board applications (renewal and new) are due by February 1, 2014, <http://www.mbpo.org/uploads/2013/CBReApp2014.pdf>
- Water Street POPs Winter Festival happening this December
- Thank you CB1 members for working with CB1 staff that has not had a Community Liaison since November, so the staff has taken on extra work in a busy month with compressed meetings due to the holidays
- CB1 office will be closed for various holidays, please check the website for updates, follow CB1 on Facebook and Twitter
- Happy Holidays to you, your family, and to your loved ones!